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Date of Interview: 14 January 2008.

Type: a) Telephonic b) Video Conference
c) Personal [copy given to: 1) applicant 2) applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) Yes e) No.
If Yes, brief description: _____.

Claim(s) discussed: 1 and 12.

Identification of prior art discussed: Hayes et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,020,519).

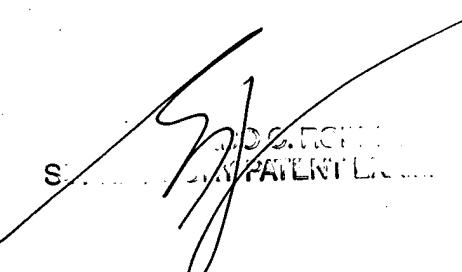
Agreement with respect to the claims f) was reached. g) was not reached. h) N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Applicant's attorney sent over proposed amendments on December 21, 2007. The only substantial amendments made was changing "a distal portion" to 'a U-shaped distal portion'. Examiner stated that these amendments did not overcome the prior art of Hayes. It can be seen in Figure 4, that the distal portion of the implant gripping member is u-shaped from a side profile, which therefore does not overcome Hayes et al.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

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